

**BEFORE THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE APPLICATION OF  
CARROLL HOSPICE  
TO ESTABLISH A GENERAL  
HOSPICE PROGRAM IN  
BALTIMORE CITY**

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**Docket No. 16-24-2388**

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**CARROLL HOSPICE RESPONSE TO INTERESTED PARTY  
COMMENTS OF BAYADA HOSPICE**

Pursuant to COMAR §10.24.01.08F Carroll Hospice responds to the Interested Party Comments on its CON Application in this matter by Bayada Hospice.

Bayada Hospice comments that there is enough unmet need in Baltimore City for hospice services to accommodate the approval of both the Carroll Hospice Application and the Bayada Hospice Application in Docket No. 16-24-2387 if the remaining State Health Plan criteria and standards are met. Carroll Hospice agrees with this comment, and its interested party comments on Bayada Hospice's Application (which are incorporated herein by reference) also recognize this point. As set forth in Carroll Hospice's comments, while Carroll Hospice believes that its CON Application meets all the requirements of the State Health Plan for approval and that its Application is comparatively the strongest of the three Applications that are pending before the Commission to establish a general hospice program in Baltimore City, there is more than enough need to accommodate the approval of Bayada's application if it also meets the remaining State Health Plan requirements. Further, as explained in those Comments, increasing the number of options for consumers in Baltimore City can help to increase outreach and education efforts to various groups and the potential to achieve the goal of increasing utilization of hospice services within Baltimore City.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Carroll Hospice Response to Interested Party Comments of Bayada Hospice was sent by electronic mail and by first class mail, postage prepaid, to:

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